

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: APEX Control System

1. This memorandum affirms my intention to proceed actively with the implementation of Presidential Directive/NSC-55, dated 10 January 1980, which established the APEX Program, a single special access system to protect particularly sensitive intelligence sources and methods. ☐

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2. The interagency APEX Steering Group will continue to assist the DCI in establishing and operating a single Community special access system for national foreign intelligence, as stated in the APEX Steering Group Charter, dated 12 February 1980. ☐

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3. Establishing APEX will be a major undertaking and will be modular and deliberate. I expect that the administration of APEX policy, guidelines and procedures will be carried out by relevant DCI committees in concert with the existing APEX Control Staff. ☐

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4. ☐ will continue as the Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation and ☐ will serve as his deputy. ☐

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William J. Casey
Chairman

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